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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph which begins with line 3 and ends with line 10 of page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

In response to a data write command from the control unit 10, the optical system control unit 16 controls the operation of the optical head 18 in order to write the data received from the data encoder 14 to an optical disk. When a data read command is received from the control unit 10, the optical system control unit 16 outputs, to the data decoder 22 and the ATIP decoder 20, data read from an optical disk by controlling the operation of the optical head 18. The control unit 10, the optical system control unit 16, the optical head 18, the ATIP decoder 20, the data decoder 22, the motor control unit 24 and the spindle motor 26 together comprise a reading section 30 of the optical disk drive 100.

Please replace the paragraph which begins with line 3 and ends with line 8 of page 13 with the following amended paragraph:

A read operation of data and security information according to the present embodiment will be described in detail with reference to the drawings. The read operation in the present embodiment can be performed through execution by the control unit 10 of a program in which steps shown in the flowchart of FIG. 6 are coded. The program is stored in the memory unit 12. The control unit 10 performs the process shown in the flowchart of Fig. 6 to control the reading section 30, thereby implementing an access restricting section 32 of the optical disk drive 100.